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1. The barracks of 13 Border Guard Otryad are located 300 meters southeast of Lyubimets, 50 meters southwest of the Maritsa River on the northeastern side of and adjacent to the Svilengrad road, and one kilometer northwest from the railroad crossing.
2. The area of the 13 Border Guard Otryad is 300 x 150 meters in size. There are three buildings, including a 3-story central building and another building, 40 x 10 meters, located on the northwestern side of the Otryad area and occupied by an unidentified unit.
3. By 20 August 1952, the 13 Border Guard Otryad had approximately 380-400 men from the 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 classes with 40 officers, 5 sergeant majors and about 10 sergeants. Organization was as follows:
 - a. Headquarters of the Otryad;
 - b. Training Battalion;
 - c. Reserve Company;
 - d. Supply unit; and
 - e. A unit for training dogs.

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25X1 4. [redacted] officers:

a. Lieutenant Colonel Marinov [redacted]

b. Captain Georgiev [redacted]

25X1 c. Second Lieutenant Tsankov [redacted]

d. First Lieutenant Makedonski [redacted]

e. First Lieutenant Vanchev [redacted]

5. The following Komandaturas are subordinate to 13 Border Guard Otryad, Podelenie 10:

25X1 a. 1 Komandatura [redacted] Gugutka, Ivailovgrad Okoliya;

b. 2 Komandatura [redacted] in Ivailovgrad; and

c. 3 Komandatura [redacted] in Svilengrad.

25X1 6. [redacted] zastavas of 1 Komandatura:

25X1 a. "Akatsia" Zastava [redacted]

25X1 b. "Buk" Zastava [redacted]

25X1 c. "Sliva" Zastava [redacted]

25X1 d. "Leska" Zastava [redacted]

25X1 e. "Shikalka" Zastava [redacted]

25X1 f. "Chernitsa" Zastava [redacted]

7. The 13 Border Guard Otryad was equipped with the following vehicles:

a. Two ZIS or GAS trucks;

b. One jeep for the commanding officer;

c. One motorcycle; and

d. Five horse-drawn carts.

25X1 Reserve Company [redacted]

8. The Reserve Company has approximately 30 men from the 1929, 1930 and 1931 classes with the following personnel:

a. Two officers;

b. One sergeant-major in charge of political training;

c. One sergeant; and

d. Two-three junior sergeants.

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9. The Reserve Company had the following armament:

- a. Thirty "Vintovki" rifles;
- b. One "Spandau" heavy machine gun for training;
- c. Three "M.G.34" light machine guns;
- d. One mortar; and
- e. Sixty cartridges per man.

10. The ammunition depot of the Reserve Company had three crates of hand grenades and four crates of mixed cartridges. No submachine guns, antiarmor guns, anti-aircraft machine guns or gas masks have been observed in the Reserve Company.

11. The dog trainers are armed with a lugger (Parabelum).

25X1 12. [redacted] officers in the Reserve Company:

a. Lieutenant Tsekov [redacted]

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b. Lieutenant Spasov [redacted]

13. A squad of 17 dog trainers with a sergeant as squad leader was attached to the Reserve Company. The squad had 17-20 dogs of inferior quality.

Ammunition Depot

14. The ammunition depot of 13 Border Guard Otryad is located 50 meters southeast of the central building in a small shed, without windows, 5 x 4 meters in size. It has a permanent sentry post.

15. The Reserve Company is responsible for all sentry duty. Another permanent post is located in front of the barracks gate on the Svilengrad road. All vehicles on the road are checked and all pedestrians after dark.

Training Battalion

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25X1 16. A Training Battalion was formed twice at 13 Border Guard Otryad during 1952 [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] officers in the first Training Battalion [redacted]

25X1 a. Major Matev [redacted]

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b. First Lieutenant Yanev [redacted]

17. The Training Battalion strength, 260-280 men, mostly from the 1932 class, is composed of three companies.

The 3 Company, Training Battalion

18. The 3 Company, strength approximately 90 men with four officers, two master sergeants and 10 sergeants, is armed as follows:

- a. Eight "Mauser" rifles;

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- b. Five "Zbrcvka" submachine guns;
- c. Five "Shpagin" submachine guns;
- d. Nine "M.G.34" light machine guns; and
- e. One "Degtyarev" light machine gun.
19. No cartridges or hand grenades have been issued to the men. The content of the ammunition depot is unknown. The men in the Training Battalion had no gas masks.
- 25X1 [redacted] command personnel in 3 Company:

a. Lieutenant Piperkov

[redacted]

b. Lieutenant Shterev

[redacted]

25X1 c. Second Lieutenant Gyurov

[redacted]

d. Second Lieutenant Aleksiev

[redacted]

e. Master-sergeant Dimov

[redacted]

- f. First Sergeant Benov, Class of 1929; discharged with the Class of 1929;
- g. First Sergeant Tenev, Class of 1929; discharged with the Class of 1929; and
- h. Sergeant Spasov, from Novo Selo, Ruse Okoliya, discharged with the Class of 1929.

The 1 Company, Training Battalion

20. The 1 Company had approximately the same strength as 3 Company. The commanding officer was First Lieutenant Kranchev
- 25X1 [redacted]

The 2 Company, Training Battalion

21. The 2 Company has approximately the same strength as 3 Company. The commanding officer was Lieutenant Yordanov
- 25X1 [redacted]

Training of Border Soldier, 13 Border Otryad

22. The training of the Border Guard soldier in the Training Battalion, 13 Border Guard Otryad lasted three months. [redacted] Every recruit in the Border Guards has to undergo a training course to become familiar with the rudiments of Border Guard duty and then be transferred to line duty at a komandatura. The Training Battalion is not a standing unit, but is formed after every recruitment of Border Guard soldiers.
23. During the first month, the soldiers of the Training Battalion underwent physical, political and drill training. In the second week, they began target practice.
24. During the second month, aside from the program for the first month, they were introduced to Border Guard duty, tactical and topographical training, target practice, sapper's tactics and the setting up of a mock zastava.

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25. During the third month, most of the classes from the first two months continued. After 15 July, all classes were discontinued with the exception of the political ones and the range practices began. In separate classes the men were taught communications and chemical defense.

25X1 26. training details:

- a. Drills, four hour periods of close order drills twice a week during the first and second months and the first part of the third month, totalling 90 training hours;
 - b. Political training, given in three hour periods twice a week during the first, second and third months, totalling 70 class hours; aside from this, the soldiers had a half hour political information every day after breakfast totalling 70 hours; the overall time spent on political training was 185-200 hours;
 - c. Physical training, given one hour twice a week; parallel, horizontal bar and 16 movement exercises until the second part of the third month, totalling about 20 hours; in addition, every morning for 25 minutes, they had calisthenics, totalling about 35 hours; the overall time spent on physical training totalled about 50-60 hours;
 - d. Target practice, given one hour every day from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. during the second and the first part of the third month, totalling about 40 hours;
 - e. Firing range practice, given two hours four times a week throughout the first, second, and the middle of the third month, totalling about 80 hours;
 - f. Border Guard Service, four hours three times a week throughout the first, second and middle of the third month, totalling about 120 hours;
 - g. Tactical, four hours four times a week from the middle of the second month to the middle of the third, totalling about 32 hours;
 - h. Regulations, two hours three times a week during the entire second month and first part of the third month, totalling 36 hours;
 - i. Sapper, three hours once a week during the entire second month, totalling 12 hours;
 - j. Communications, two hours once a week in the first part of the third month, totalling four hours;
 - k. Practical exercises at the mock zastava, four times throughout the entire training course.
27. Range work was given during the second part of the third month and carried out on the two firing ranges located 1.5 kilometers north and 1.5 kilometers west of Lyubimets. Training was given in the following weapons:
- a. Vintovka rifle:
 - (1) Four rounds in a prone position at 100 meters using a silhouette target;
 - (2) Four rounds at a silhouette target at 100 meters; the soldier running to a prepared trench position and firing his round within one minute;
 - (3) Forty rounds at a silhouette target at 250 meters in the same manner as in a (2).
 - b. Nine rounds at a silhouette target in the prone position at 75 meters with Shpagin submachine gun;
 - c. Nine rounds at a silhouette target in the prone position at 80 meters with

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Zbrovka submachine gun;

d. "M.G.-34" light machine gun:

(1) Fourteen rounds, four singles, and 10 in a volley at a silhouette target in the prone position at 300 meters;

(2) Fourteen rounds at a silhouette target; the soldier running 40 meters, loading and firing his round at 300 meters; and

e. Four rounds at a silhouette target in the prone position at 100 meters with "Mauser" rifle.

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The 1 Komandatura [redacted]

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28. The 1 Komandatura [redacted] subordinate to 13 Border Guard Otryad is located in the northeastern part of Gugutka and 50 meters from the last village houses. This is quartered in an old 2-story 14 room house, 15 x 7 meters in size, white washed, with a red-tiled roof. There are no surrounding buildings.

29. The 1 Komandatura is composed as follows:

a. Headquarters with wireless and telephone operators;

b. Reserve Company;

c. Supply unit attached to Reserve Company; and

d. Ammunition depot.

30. The 1 Komandatura has approximately 30 men, half of them from the Class of 1932, and the rest from the Classes of 1930 and 1931 with about 12 officers and three sergeants. [redacted] command personnel:

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a. Captain Zdravkov [redacted]

b. Lieutenant Bankov [redacted]

c. Lieutenant Piperkov [redacted]

d. Lieutenant Kolev [redacted]

e. Lieutenant Dukov [redacted]

f. Lieutenant Yanin [redacted]

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g. Second Lieutenant Kamenov [redacted]

h. Lieutenant Tonchev [redacted]

i. Lieutenant Stoyanov [redacted]

j. Medical Lieutenant Petrov [redacted]

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k. Lieutenant Vuchkov [redacted]

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l. Medical Master Sergeant Filipov [redacted]

31. The Komandatura has three carts and 15 mules. There are no mechanized vehicles.
32. The ammunition depot of the Komandatura is in one of the rooms on the first floor, adjacent to headquarters offices. Its contents are unidentified.

Reserve Company

33. The Reserve Company, strength 15 men, has two officers and three sergeants. The small number of soldiers in the Reserve Company was due to the transfer of 20 of its men to reinforce the zastavas after Stalin's death. Armament for the Reserve Company is as follows:

- a. Seven "Vintovka" rifles;
- b. Five "Zbrovka" submachine guns;
- c. Three "MG 34" light machine guns;
- d. Three "Spandau" heavy machine guns;
- e. Two hand grenades per man if needed;
- f. Thirty rounds per man; and
- g. One mounting for antiaircraft use of "MG 34".

No antiarmor guns, sniper rifles or gas masks were observed at the Komandatura.

- 25X1 34. [redacted] soldiers in the Reserve Company:

a. Private Petko Tsolov [redacted]

b. Private Pencho Donchev Rahnev [redacted]

c. Private Todor Khristov Toshev [redacted]

d. Private Ivan Kostov Ivanov [redacted]

e. Private Milcho Netsov Marinov [redacted]

f. Private Angel Angelov [redacted]

g. Stoil Stoychev Kirov [redacted]

35. The supply unit is attached to the Reserve Company and has 5-6 men, commanded by Lieutenant Vuchkov. The Komandatura has a telephone exchange and has connections with all its zastavas and the two komandaturas in Gugutka and Ivailovgrad. The telephone exchange is serviced by four soldiers.

The "Sliva" Zastava [redacted]

36. The "Sliva" Zastava [redacted] subordinate to 1 Komandatura, is located in the northern outskirts of Bezantsi (N 41-25, E 25-58) Ivailovgrad, and from 4.5-5 kilometers from the border line. The zastava is located in a wooded area in an old U-shaped building. It is surrounded on all sides with a .5 meter high

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barbed wire fence. Trenches surround its east and north sides. The observation post of the zastava is located two kilometers southeast of the zastava building and three kilometers from the border line.

37. The zastava, strength approximately 30 men, has two officers and three sergeants. Armament for the zastava is as follows:

- a. Fifteen "Vintovka" long rifles;
- b. Five "Shpagin" submachine guns;
- c. One "Spandau" heavy machine gun;
- d. One antiaircraft rifle;
- e. Three "MG 34" light machine gun;
- f. Two hand grenades per soldier; and
- g. Sixty rounds of rifle ammunition per soldier.

38. The ammunition depot of the zastava contained the following:

- a. Three crates of hand grenades;
- b. Three crates of mixed ammunition;
- c. Seven-eight "Vintovka" long rifles;
- d. Two "Shpagin" submachine guns; and
- e. Three "TT" pistols.

Every soldier was issued 60 rifle rounds and two hand grenades. The rifles of the zastava soldiers were in the barracks when they were not on duty. A Border Guard soldier is permitted to shoot game. At times, they are obliged to pay for the rounds.

39. Informant knew of the following command personnel of the "Sliva" Zastava:

a. Lieutenant Tonev

b. Second Lieutenant Nikolov

c. Sergeant Kolev

d. Sergeant Asenov

e. Sergeant Ivanov

40. soldiers in "Sliva" Zastava:

a. Private Georgi Trifonov

b. Private Trifon Sredkov

c. Private Lambi Petrov

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- d. Private Angel Vasilev Angelov
- e. Private Georgi Nikolov
- f. Private Stoyan Petkov
- g. Private Ivan Stoychev
- h. Private Petur Stoyanov
- i. Private Nikola Ivanov
- j. Private Pavel Stoichkov
- k. Private Ivan Georgiev
- l. Private Georgi Peichev
- m. Private Koycho Vasilev
- n. Private Ivan Kostov
- o. Private Angelov (fnu),
- p. Private Petur Asenov,
- q. Private Angelov (fnu)
- r. Private Stancho Kolev
- s. Private Manov (fnu)
- t. Private Andonov
- u. Private Andonov
- v. Private Slav Atanasov Georgiev
- w. Private Tsifudin
- x. Private Basil Khristov
- y. Private Georgi Ignatov Khulishev
- z. Private Ivan Borisov

- (a) Private Pencho Slaveykov
- (b) Private Bachev
- (c) Corporal Martinov and
- (d) Corporal Stoyanov

- 41. The "Sliva" Zastava received the "Narodna Mladezh" and "Granichar" newspapers.
- 42. The area of the zastava extends approximately from the vicinity of "Zida" (N-41-20, E 25-57) to the vicinity of "Zhultechalskite lozha" (N 41-21, E 25-60) and has a depth of about six kilometers from the border line. The zastava borders on the west side with the "Buk" Zastava [redacted] and on the east side with "Leska" Zastava, subordinate to 1 Komandatura.
- 43. A barbed wire fence has been erected in the vicinity of "Kereslika" (N 41-20, E 25-60), 200 meters north of the border line. The fence is approximately 150-200

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25X1 meters long, two meters high and at certain points, three meters high. Branches
 25X1 have been interlaced with the barbed wire making the fence eight inches thick.
 25X1 The fence is erected on open ground and bars any approach from the south. It is
 rumored that a similar fence is being erected in the area of "Buk" Zastav, [redacted]
 [redacted] The location is unknown. No trip flares have been installed in the area of
 "Sliva" Zastava [redacted]

44. The zastava has one bloodhound named "Zhulbars", trained at a special canine school, whose leader was Private First Class Martinov. There are four other common dogs.
45. The zastava had the following 24-hour guard duties:
- a. Observation post; one shift of two men (daytime only);
 - b. "Dozor" (area observation); two shifts of two men (daytime only);
 - c. One Zastava sentry; one man, three shifts day and night;
 - d. "On duty"; two men, day and night;
 - e. "Sekreti"; under normal conditions, four teams of 2-3 men, mostly at night; and
 - f. For strengthened protection; six or seven teams of two or three men each, mostly at night.

(A sketch of border posts in the zastava area is included as Appendix A).

25X1 The "Buk" Zastava [redacted]

46. The "Buk" Zastava, is located approximately 500 meters south of Dolni Urutsi (N 41-22, E 25-36) Ivailovgrad Okoliya. It is rumored that the zastava commanding officer was Lieutenant Stoimenov.

The "Akatsia" Zastava

- 25X1 47. The "Akatsia" Zastava [redacted] is rumored to be located approximately 500 meters south of Chukurite (N 41-23, E 25-53) Ivailovgrad, and four kilometers from the border line.

The "Leska" Zastava

- 25X1 48. The "Leska" Zastava [redacted] is located in the vicinity of Cherna Cherkva (N 41-21, E 26-03). The commanding officer of the zastava was Lieutenant Angelov.

The "Shikalka" Zastava

- 25X1 49. The "Shikalka" Zastava [redacted] is rumored to be located in the vicinity of Gorno Lukovo (N 41-22, E 26-06) Ivailovgrad. The commanding officer of the zastava was allegedly Lieutenant Simeonov.

The "Chernitsa" Zastava

- 25X1 50. The "Chernitsa" Zastava [redacted] is allegedly located in the vicinity of Mandritsa (N 41-23, E 26-08), and that Lieutenant Vangelov was the commanding officer.

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

1. Private Marinov was DSNM organizer in the Komandatura and all its zastavas. All soldiers in 1 Komandatura were members of the DSNM.

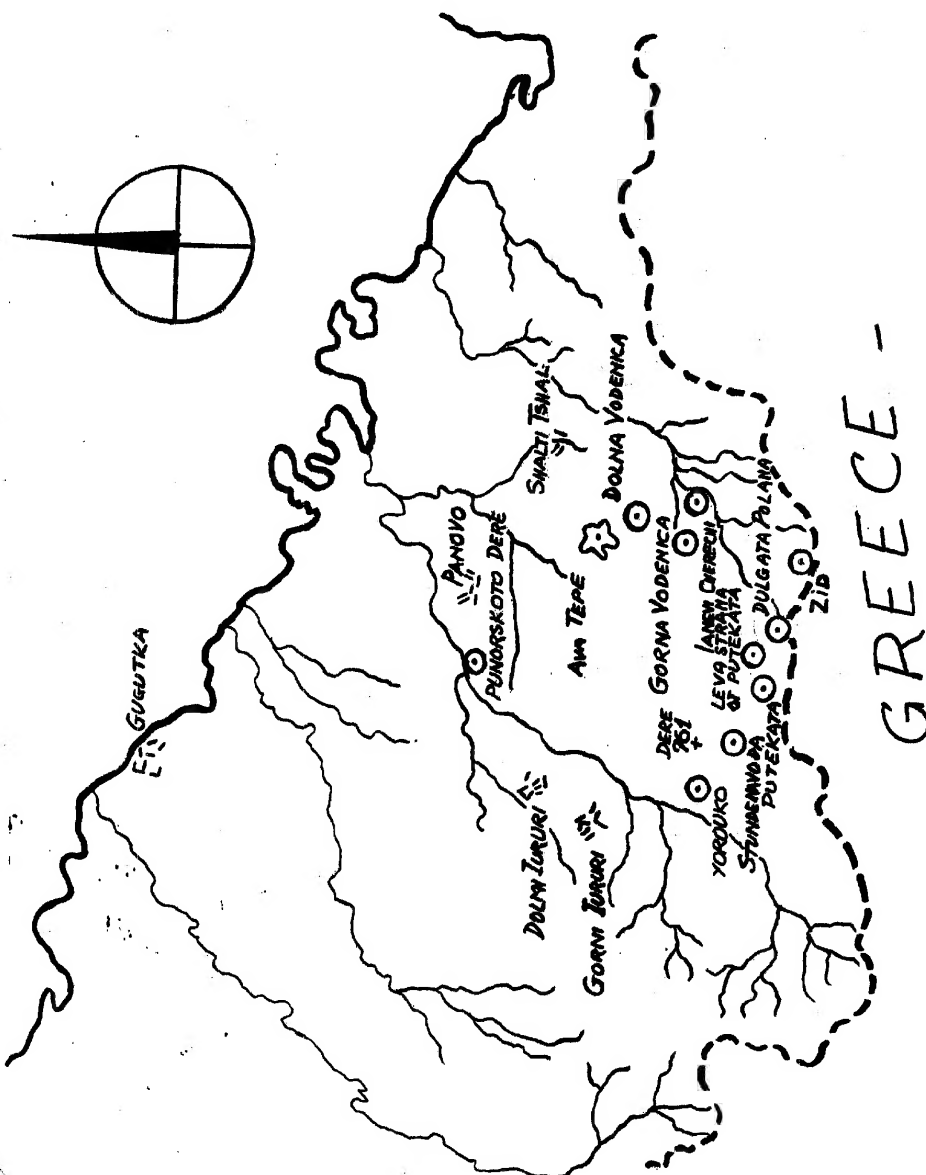
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